

Star Lake Canal Superfund Site

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Community Involvement Plan
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Section 1

Introduction

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting a hazardous waste investigation and cleanup effort under the Federal Superfund program at the Star Lake Canal Site in Port Neches, Jefferson County, Texas.

The EPA has prepared this **Community Involvement Plan (CIP)** for the Star Lake Canal Site (Site) to identify issues of community concern and provide a basis for establishing communication with the community during the investigation and cleanup effort. Technical terms that may be new to the reader are printed in **boldface** type and defined in the Superfund Glossary (Appendix A).

The CIP consists of four sections:

- Section 1 - Introduction
- Section 2 - Site Background and Status
- Section 3 - Community Involvement Background
- Section 4 - Community Involvement Program

This Community Involvement Plan describes activities required to meet the provisions of the **National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP)** and the **Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)**. The CERCLA, commonly known as **Superfund**, was amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). It has been developed in accordance with EPA guidance for conducting community involvement programs for Superfund sites.

In-depth personal interviews with public officials from the cities of Port Neches, Groves, and Port Arthur, which are communities affected by the Site, form the basis for this CIP. In addition, file research and discussions with technical staff from EPA contributed background information for the plan. As work progresses at the Site, EPA will review and revise the plan to reflect the community's changing public involvement needs.

Congress passed the CERCLA in 1980 to correct the problems of abandoned or uncontrolled hazardous waste sites that threaten public health or the environment. The CERCLA created a tax on chemical industries that went into a trust fund called Superfund. Under the Superfund program, the EPA can pay for investigating and cleaning up problems at hazardous waste sites if those responsible cannot be found or they are unwilling or unable to pay. The law also permits the EPA and states to require those responsible for the contamination to investigate and conduct remedial activities at their sites or reimburse the EPA for doing the work.

The law authorizes the EPA to initiate short-term "removal" response actions when there is an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the environment. "Remedial" actions are designed to

correct problems that present a potential long-term risk to human health or the environment.

The EPA is currently performing enforcement actions to compel the **Potentially Responsible Parties** to perform and finance the **Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS)** being planned for the Star Lake Canal Site. The purpose of the RI/FS is to determine the nature and extent of contamination and to gather sufficient information about the Site to support selection of the most appropriate remedy for the Site.

Section 2 Site Background and Status

Site Description and History

The Star Lake Canal Site is located in Port Neches, Texas, an industrial city adjacent to the Neches River in southeast Texas (see the Site Map on page 6). The Site includes Star Lake Canal, the adjoining Molasses Bayou, and Jefferson Canal. Star Lake Canal is approximately 3 miles long, up to 20 feet deep, and 100 feet wide. Jefferson Canal is a small concrete-lined drainage ditch in the upstream segment of Star Lake Canal between the industrial discharge area and the canal. Molasses Bayou winds adjacent to the southeast side of Star Lake Canal and is surrounded by **wetlands**. The Site is bordered to the south by a large industrial area, to the east by a few residences (separated by wetlands), to the west by wetlands, and to the north by the Neches River and Sabine Lake.

Jefferson Canal was constructed in the late 1940s as an industrial wastewater and stormwater outfall. The Jefferson Canal is also known as the Texaco Chemical Company Outfall Canal, the Jefferson County Canal, the Star Lake Outfall Canal, and the Texaco Chemical Company Stormwater Canal. Star Lake Canal, which is also known as the Defense Plant Corporation Canal, the Neches Butane Outfall Canal, the Neches Butane Products Company Outfall Canal, and the Texaco Chemical Outfall Canal, was constructed after 1948 for the same purpose. Local chemical and other manufacturing facilities are currently discharging industrial wastewater and stormwater to both canals.

More than 3 miles of wetlands front the surface water in which contaminated sediments have been detected. These wetlands are habitats known to be used by the white-faced ibis, a State-designated threatened species. From the confluence of the Molasses Bayou, Star Lake Canal, and Neches River, surface water flows down the Neches River approximately 3 ½ miles to Sabine Lake. Sabine Lake is used as a fishery and produced more than 1 million pounds of fish and shellfish in 1996.

The Superfund Site consists of contaminated surface water sediments in the Star Lake Canal, Jefferson Canal, and Molasses Bayou. The contaminated sediments extend more than 2 miles, spanning portions of Jefferson Canal, Star Lake Canal, and the Molasses Bayou to within 1/4-mile of where the Molasses Bayou, Star Lake Canal, and Neches River converge.

Drinking water in the area of the Site is supplied by the Lower Neches Valley Authority whose surface water intake points are north and upstream of the area, in the City of Beaumont. No public supply wells exist within a four-mile radius of the canal. One irrigation well and one domestic well are located within a one-mile radius of the Site. However, both wells are hydrologically upgradient from the beginning of the canal. Therefore, contaminants from the Star Lake Canal Site do not impact drinking water supplies.

National Priorities List

In response to contamination discovered during dredging in the Jefferson Canal, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC, now the TCEQ) collected sediment samples in 1996 and 1998 from Jefferson Canal, Star Lake Canal, and wetlands bordering the Molasses Bayou. The samples were analyzed for volatile and semi-volatile organic contaminants, PCBs, metals, and pesticides. The TNRCC found elevated concentrations of chromium, copper, **polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)**, and **polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)** in the canal sediments. The TNRCC also found elevated concentrations of copper, PAHs, and pesticides in the Molasses Bayou wetlands.

The Star Lake Canal Site was proposed for placement on the **National Priorities List (NPL)** of Superfund sites in July 1999 and added to the list in July 2000. Placement on the NPL is based on the score a site receives on EPA's **Hazard Ranking System (HRS)**. The HRS is a model used to evaluate potential risks to public health and the environment from releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The EPA uses the HRS to calculate a site's score based on the actual or potential release of hazardous substances from a site through the air, surface water, or soil. This score is the primary factor used to decide if a hazardous waste site should be placed on the NPL.

The Star Lake Canal Site was added to the NPL based on evidence that hazardous substances, including chromium, copper, PAHs, and PCBs have migrated or could potentially migrate to Molasses Bayou, Star Lake Canal, Neches River, Sabine Lake, and their associated wetlands. **Pentachlorophenol** and **toxaphene** have been found in the sediments of Jefferson Canal.

Enforcement Program Activities

The Superfund Enforcement Program seeks to maximize the involvement of PRPs in the cleanup of Superfund sites. A primary goal of the enforcement program at the Star Lake Canal Site is to have the PRPs assume responsibility for conducting the RI/FS. EPA enforcement activities to date include:

- General Notice Letters (GNLs) issued to the Site's PRPs on July 11, 2001. The GNLs notified the PRPs of their potential liability that they may incur or may have incurred with respect to the Site. The GNLs also notified the PRPs of the potential response activities at the Site which they may be asked to finance at the later date. The EPA is currently evaluating the responses received from the PRPs.
- 104(e) Information Request Letters issued to the PRPs on July 17, 2001, to learn more about the Site. The EPA is currently evaluating the responses received from the PRPs.
- Identifying additional PRPs and evaluating additional enforcement actions to compel the PRPs to perform and finance the RI/FS currently being planned for the Site.

Current and Upcoming Site Activities

Site investigations have been conducted in the past, but more information is needed to develop an appropriate cleanup strategy. A Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, which is currently being planned for the Site, will provide EPA with:

- Additional information about the types and sources of contaminants at the Site, and the potential for Site contaminants to migrate, or move, beyond the Site's boundaries.
- Potential ways that people or the environment might be exposed to Site contaminants.
- Potential cleanup options for the Site that will protect people and the environment from potential exposure to Site contaminants.

Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments will be an integral part of the RI/FS. A Human Health Risk Assessment estimates the current and possible future risks if no action is taken to clean up a site. The EPA's Superfund risk assessors determine how threatening a hazardous waste site is to human health and the environment. They seek to determine a safe level for each potentially dangerous contaminant present (for example, a level at which negative health effects are unlikely and the probability of cancer is very small). Living near a Superfund site does not automatically place a person at risk; that depends on the chemicals present and the ways people are exposed to them.

An Ecological Risk Assessment is the process that evaluates the likelihood that the environment is being harmed or may be harmed in the future as a result of exposure to one or more stressors. A stressor is any physical, chemical, or biological entity that can induce an adverse ecological response. Adverse responses can range from sublethal chronic effects in individual organisms to a loss of ecosystem function. The Superfund process addresses only chemical or physical stressors.

Based on the results of the RI/FS, EPA will develop a Proposed Plan. The Proposed Plan will contain an evaluation of alternatives to address contamination issues at the Star Lake Canal Site and the agency's preferred remedy. Community members will have opportunities to comment on EPA's Proposed Plan for the Site.

Site Map Star Lake Canal



Figure 1. Star Lake Canal site and surrounding area

Section 3

Community Involvement Background

Community Profile

Port Neches is located in southeast Texas, approximately 88 miles east of Houston and 229 miles east of Austin. Other communities in the area include Groves, Nederland, and Port Arthur.

In 1901, the petroleum industry moved into the area, and a community on the banks of the Neches River, known as Grigsby's Bluff, became Port Neches. The city is currently surrounded by large industry. Major employers include Huntsman, Premcor, Motiva, and Mid-Jefferson Hospital.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census figures, Port Neches has a population of 13,601. Jefferson County's population is 249,640. Jefferson County's population is 57.2 percent Anglo, 33.7 percent black, and 9.1 percent "other." 10.5 percent of the population is of Hispanic or Latino origin. The median age in this county is 35.3, which is older than the Texas average (32.3) but equal to the national average (35.3). The per capita income as of 1999 for Jefferson County was \$17,571. The average household size in Jefferson County is 2.55, which is slightly less than the Texas average of 2.74.

Community Issues, Concerns, and Information Needs

As part of the research for this CIP, EPA staff discussed community issues, concerns and information needs related to the Star Lake Canal Superfund Site during personal interviews conducted during the last week of October 2002 with public officials who live and work in the community. The community interviews provided these interested citizens with opportunities to ask questions, voice their opinions and concerns about Site activities and issues, and learn more about the Superfund program. The questionnaire used by EPA staff during the interviews is contained in Appendix B. In addition to the community interviews, EPA project staff has gained insight into perceptions about the Site from ongoing contact with community members over the course of the project. The following summarizes the results of these community interviews.

- The Star Lake Canal has been listed on the National Priorities List since July 27, 2000, and interviewees said most nearby residents probably will not be overly concerned about potential contamination affecting the Canal. However, those who fish and crab in the Canal could become very concerned if contaminants are discovered at levels that could threaten this activity.
- Interviewees from all three communities were interested in learning more about what potential risks the Site could pose, what types of contaminants might be present and at what concentrations. They all are hoping to avoid status as PRPs, and one interview participant expressed strong feelings on how Superfund liability is apportioned.

- Community members hold diverse opinions on environmental issues, and most organized environmental groups in the area focus their efforts on highly visible, well-funded industries. But any perceived potential impacts to wetlands, such as Bessie Heights Marsh, could potentially generate concern.
- Interviewees were uncertain if community members would react negatively to local industries that support the local economy being named as PRPs. One suggested that industries cited as PRPs might choose to blame EPA for economic problems they may be experiencing.
- Interview participants indicated that the most effective communication tools for informing residents about Site activities are community meetings, direct mail, and news stories and notices in the *Beaumont Enterprise*, *Port Arthur News*, and *Mid-County Chronicle*. Local television and radio stations also were mentioned as good ways to reach community members. Appendix C contains a list of news media contacts. The City of Groves and City of Port Neches offered to use their media resources to help distribute open house announcements and other news, if needed. Huntsman Company has established an active Community Advisory Committee, and one interviewee thought this might be one avenue to reach community members with news about the Star Lake Canal project.

Section 4

Community Involvement Program

Throughout the Superfund process at the Star Lake Canal Site, EPA will conduct a Community Involvement Program to address concerns and issues important to community members and foster communication between the Agency and those interested in correcting contamination problems at the Site. The Superfund program emphasizes the importance of community involvement, and the Community Involvement Program will ensure that community members have ample opportunity to voice opinions and receive answers to their questions.

Community Involvement Objectives

The objectives of EPA's Community Involvement Program are to:

- Increase efforts to identify residents who live near the Site to ensure that they have opportunities to become involved in the Superfund process.
- Maintain open communication between EPA and those who live near the Site, community leaders, business leaders, environmentalists, local, state and federal government agencies and officials, and other interested persons or groups. This communication will be established early in the Superfund process, and will be maintained for the duration of the project.
- Provide residents, agencies, local officials, civic leaders, media, and other interested persons or groups with accurate, timely information about the Superfund process, the progress of the RI/FS, and other crucial technical and administrative matters. This will give community members the tools they need to provide meaningful input into the decision-making process.

Community Involvement Activities and Tools

Ongoing Contact with Community Members

While investigative and cleanup activities at the Site progress, EPA staff will maintain regular contact with members of the community either by phone, through mailings, or in person. Appendix C contains a list of government officials and others who may be resources on environmental issues concerning the Star Lake Canal Site.

The following EPA staff are available to answer residents' questions and address their concerns about the Site:

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When appropriate, informal briefings will be held for elected officials and other community and civic leaders to keep them abreast of activity at the Site. EPA has established a toll-free number, **1-800-533-3508**, for concerned citizens to obtain answers to questions they have about the Site or the Superfund program.

Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)

A Technical Assistance Grant is available for the Star Lake Canal Site. The TAG program provides up to \$50,000 per site to a community group for the purpose of hiring technical advisors. The group must provide at least 20 percent of the total costs of their project and must budget the expenditure of grant funds to cover the life of the Superfund process at the site(s). For more information about the TAG program, contact Beverly Negri, EPA Region 6 TAG Coordinator, at 1-800-533-3508 (toll-free).

Public Comment Period

Upon completion of the RI/FS and preparation of the Proposed Plan, EPA will announce a 30-day public comment period to enable community members to review and comment on the alternatives evaluated and the agency's preferred remedy. A public notice containing a brief summary of the alternatives and preferred remedy, dates of the comment period, and instructions on how to submit comments will be published in the newspapers that serve the Port Neches area.

Community Meetings

Meetings will be held in convenient locations in the community, such as the Community Room of the Effie & Wilton Hebert Library in Port Neches. Meetings can be publicized through mailings, newspaper notices, and fact sheets. Meeting locations will be accessible to those with disabilities.

Open Houses

The EPA may hold informal open houses or availability sessions to provide residents, civic leaders, public officials, environmental groups, news reporters, and others with current information about Site activities and the Superfund program. Open houses can include a project update from the EPA and any other involved parties and a question and answer period. Community meetings give residents an opportunity to give and receive feedback regarding Site activities. Informal pen Houses may be scheduled periodically as needed throughout the duration of the RI/FS.

Public Meeting

The EPA will hold a formal public meeting in conjunction with the Public Comment period. A certified court reporter will make a transcript of the public meeting proceedings. The transcript will be available for public review in the Information Repositories.

Information Repositories

Information Repositories are a valuable source of technical information about the Site and the Superfund process in general. They will be updated as necessary with the most current information, including the **Administrative Record**, about Site activities. The EPA has established Information Repositories at the following locations:

U.S. EPA Region 6
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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EPA Web Page

Information about environmental issues, the Superfund Program, and the Star Lake Canal Site can be obtained on the Internet at:

EPA Headquarters: <http://www.epa.gov>

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Star Lake Canal Site Information: <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/pdffiles/starlake.pdf>

Fact Sheets

Fact sheets will be prepared as necessary during the planning and implementation of the RI/FS. Upon completion of the RI/FS and Proposed Plan, EPA will develop a Proposed Plan fact sheet that will provide a comprehensive look at the alternatives evaluated and the preferred remedy.

Fact sheets will contain clear, accurate descriptions of technical information prepared in a style and format that will encourage use and understanding. They will be filed at the information repositories, distributed to people on the mailing list, and made available at open houses, public meetings, and other events.

News Media Information

The EPA will issue news releases that provide important information about the Site to the newspapers and radio and television stations that serve the Port Neches area. News releases will be prepared as needed during the course of the project.

Mailing List

Throughout the project, the EPA will continue to maintain a mailing list for distributing information to the community. The mailing list will include residents who live near the Site, community groups, environmental organizations, businesses, representatives from the news media, and local, state and Federal officials. The EPA will update and expand the list as the project continues. Anyone who would like to be placed on the mailing list to receive future information about the Star Lake Canal Site is encouraged to call 1-800-533-3508 (toll-free).

Community Involvement Program Schedule

Community Involvement activities are timed to coincide with technical milestones in the investigation and cleanup process or as-needed to address community concerns. Appendix D is a schedule of Community Involvement activities.

Appendix A

Superfund Glossary

Administrative Record: All documents which EPA considered or relied on in selecting the response action at a Superfund site, culminating in the record of decision for remedial action or, an action memorandum for removal actions.

CERCLA: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly called Superfund, as amended in 1986.

Community Involvement Plan (CIP): A document developed from community interviews and EPA guidelines that outlines Agency efforts to establish communication with the public. The CIP is designed to create understanding of EPA programs and related actions, to assure public input into the decision-making process in an affected community, and to make certain that the Agency is aware of and responsive to public concerns. Specific community involvement activities are required during Superfund remedial actions.

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA): A Federal law passed in 1980 and amended in 1986 by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act. CERCLA created a special tax that went into a Trust Fund, also known as Superfund, to support investigation and cleanup of abandoned or uncontrolled hazardous waste sites. Under the program, EPA can either:

- Perform site cleanup when parties responsible for the contamination cannot be located or are unwilling or unable to perform the work; or
- Take legal action to force parties responsible for Site contamination to clean up the site or pay back the Federal government for the cost of the cleanup.

Hazard Ranking System (HRS): A model used to evaluate potential risks to public health and the environment from releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances.

Information Repository: A file containing current information, technical reports, and reference documents regarding a Superfund site. The information repository is usually in a public building that is convenient for local residents, such as a public school, city hall, or library.

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP): The Federal regulation that provides a blueprint for Superfund program operations.

National Priorities List (NPL): EPA's list of the most serious uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous

waste sites identified for possible long-term remedial response using money from the Trust Fund. The list is based primarily on the score a site receives from the Hazard Ranking System. EPA updates the list at least once a year.

Pentachlorophenol: Synthetic substance which is used as a pesticide and an industrial wood preservative. Long-term exposure to low levels of pentachlorophenol can cause damage to the liver, kidneys, blood, and nervous system.

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Group of synthetic organic chemicals that were widely used as coolants and lubricants in transformers, capacitors, and other electrical equipment. PCBs have been classified as probable human carcinogens.

Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs): Group of chemicals that are formed during the incomplete burning of coal, oil, gas, wood, garbage, or other organic substances, such as tobacco and charbroiled meat. Some PAHs have been identified as probable human carcinogens.

Potentially Responsible Party (PRP): Refers to anyone the EPA may hold liable for investigation and cleanup at a Superfund site.

Remedial Project Manager: The EPA or State official responsible for overseeing remedial response activities for a site.

Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS): Two distinct but related studies. They often are performed at the same time and together referred to as the "RI/FS." These studies are intended to:

- Gather the information necessary to determine the type and extent of contamination at a Superfund site;
- Establish criteria for a site remedy;
- Identify and screen alternatives for remedial action, and analyze in detail the technology and costs of the alternatives.

Superfund: The common name used for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.

Toxaphene: Manufactured insecticide that was used primarily in the southern United States to control insect pests on cotton and other crops. Toxaphene was also used to control insect pests on livestock and to kill unwanted fish in lakes. Toxaphene has been identified as a probable human carcinogen.

Wetlands: Areas that are saturated by surface water or ground water and that contain plants adapted for life in those soil conditions. Examples of wetlands include swamps, marshes, and estuaries.



Appendix B Community Involvement Plan Interview Questionnaire

Star Lake Canal Community Interview Questions October 2002

Interviewee

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Day: _____ Phone/Evening: _____

1. Are you knowledgeable about past operations at the Site? Do you have information about any past activities that EPA might find helpful?
2. To the best of your knowledge, has the individual or group responsible for this situation done anything to clean up the Site?
3. Are you aware of contamination problems at the Site? What concerns do you have about the Site? Do you have any specific concerns about Site contamination?
4. Do you know any other community members who may have concerns about the Site? Can you recommend others who might be interested in talking to us about the Site? Can you suggest another person or group EPA should interview about the Site?
5. Recently, what issues have attracted the most attention in the community? Are there current environmental issues that are of interest to community members?
6. Are there organized environmental groups active in the community?
7. What's the best way to keep residents informed about cleanup activities at the Site?
 - Newspapers
 - Radio
 - TV
 - Meetings/events...If yes, times? Locations?
 - Fact sheets, newsletters, fliers
8. Would you like to be included on the mailing list?
9. Do you have any additional questions or comments about the Site?

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Appendix D
Community Involvement Program Schedule

<i>Community Involvement Activity</i>	<i>Schedule</i>
Contact with Community Members	Ongoing
Technical Assistance Grant	Ongoing. A TAG is currently available for this Site.
Community Meetings	Open House/Availability Sessions as needed for project milestones. Formal public meeting upon completion of RI/FS and Proposed Plan.
30-day Public Comment Period	Upon completion of the Proposed Plan.
Information Repositories/Administrative Record	Ongoing
EPA Web Page	Ongoing
Fact Sheets	Project milestones and upon completion of RI/FS and Proposed Plan.
News Media Information	Important project milestones.
Update and Maintain Mailing List	Ongoing